

N.E.O.T.T. Observed Trials FAQ

Is that a Flat Tracker? (get this a lot at gas stations) NO

What do they weigh? 145-155 pounds

How much gas do they hold? ~ ¼ gallon, can ride for 2 ½ – 3 hours on a tank

What premix ratio for 2-strokes? 80:1

How much do they cost? Similar to new dirt bikes but the maintenance cost is significantly lower and resale value is higher.

Where do you get one? There are local dealers to help you out with Beta, Montesa\Honda, Scorpa and Sherco. There are also dealers in Wichita and Dallas area. Several dealers will drop ship a bike to you for ~\$200. If shipping used, good bikes can be had for \$2500 and up. Below \$2500 you may spend more time working on it than riding it.

What else do I need to get started? Pretty quickly you will want a trials specific helmet (light weight, vented, cut higher in the back to allow looking up which we do a lot) and trials specific boots to allow the ankles to flex and good tread pattern on the bottom for walking the sections. Riding trials events is the best way to learn how to ride where local riders are always willing to help you get better.

Which brand is best? There is no 'best' per se but better to figure out which brand fits you best thus we recommend trying as many brands as possible before buying. Most common are Beta, GasGas, Montesa, Scorpa, Sherco. We are starting to see more TRS and Vertigo around as well.

What is the best size bike? Again, no right answer, ride different size bikes to see what fits you best. Trials is 95% rider and 5% bike.

- 280's or 300's are torquey, easy to ride and the most plentiful so easy to get and easy to sell but can get away from you in a hurry if not careful to control the power.
- 250's are the most versatile – just need to give it a little more gas for big stuff.
- 200's can work well for all but the largest riders but are hard to get, hard to sell and resale value takes a hit. Just give it more gas. Forces good technique rather than being lazy on a 300.
- 125's for small adults and young teens – easy to start, easy to ride.

What tire pressures do you run? 4.5-5.5 psi in the rear tire, which is tubeless to allow grip on the rocks. Typically 6–7 psi on the front though some locations as high as 8-9 on the front to avoid pinch flats on the loop. Drop psi for lighter adults and kids.

Many of the top enduro riders started as trials riders: Graham Jarvis, Jonny Walker, David Knight, Cody Webb, Taddy Blazusiak. Even 'the man' himself, Roger Decoster, was a trials rider winning the 1964 Belgium championship.

More Info and Links can be found here: www.neott.com/links

NEOTT Trivia Question: Who was the first American to ride the Scottish Six Day Trials (SSDT)?

Answer: Mike McCabe, the founder of NEOTT, in 1972